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INTERIM REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and
Transport

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the
Council (Doc. 415/78) for

- I. a draft decision amending Council Decision No. 78/774/EEC concerning the
activities of certain third countries in the field of cargo shipping
- II. a draft decision on the implementation of Article 2 of Decision
No. 78/774/EEC concerning the activities of certain third countries in the
field of cargo shipping

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By letter of 27 October 1978 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 84(2) of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations for its opinion.

On 22 September 1978 the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport appointed Mr Jung rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 25 October 1978 and on this occasion unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present: Lord Bruce of Donington, chairman; Mr Nyborg and Mr McDonald, vice-chairmen; Mr Jung, rapporteur; Mr Albers, Mr Fuchs, Mr Ibrügger, Mr Osborn and Mr Seefeld.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

The Committee on External Economic Relations decided not to issue an opinion.

The Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 84(2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 415/78),
 - having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 429/78),
 - referring to its previous resolutions on the establishment of a common sea transport policy, in particular with regard to certain third countries²,
1. Considers it vital that the Community's shipping interests be protected against various practices of certain third countries which are undermining the competitive position of the Community's merchant fleets;
 2. Shares the Commission's view that it would be appropriate to establish an information system for a two-year period with a view to obtaining a clearer insight into the actual situation in the field of cargo liner transport;

¹ OJ No. C 259, 1.11.1978, p. 6/7

² OJ No. C 57, 7.3.1977, p. 57; OJ No. C 118, 16.5.1977, p. 40; OJ No. C 131, 5.6.1978, p. 40 and OJ No. C 163, 10.7.1978, p. 49

3. Approves the Commission's proposals which are an essential supplement to the Decision adopted by the Council on 19 September 1978¹;
4. Points out, however, that the establishment of an information system must not be used as a pretext for not taking joint counter-measures, in the meantime, should the restrictive practices of certain countries prove to be jeopardizing the Community's maritime interests;
5. Instructs its appropriate committees to keep a close watch on developments and to submit a report thereon at an early date.

¹ OJ No. L 258, 21.9.1978, p. 35